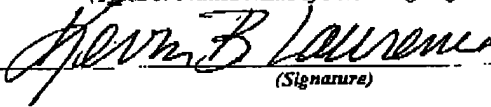


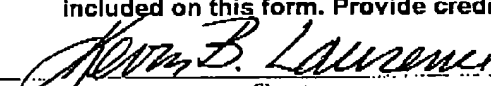
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27														
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